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1. The Director and Col. White talked with Sen. Chavez regarding the CIA building appropriation and received the distinct impression that Sen. Chavez would support the alternative language leaving to CIA the authority to make the selection as to site. They also talked to Mr. Rexroad of the Committee staff regarding language for the building appropriation. They bumped into Margaret Chase Smith, and the Director mentioned the building to her.

2. Col. White and I talked with Mr. Gleason, Administrative Assistant to Sen. Knowland, and Mr. Campbell, Administrative Assistant to Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.), about the building appropriation and left copies of the Director's statement. Mr. Campbell was quite optimistic that Senator Hill would support the CIA position.

3. I also discussed the matter with Mr. Wurzlows, Assistant to Sen. Ellender. Mr. Wurzlows told me that the Langley opponents had come in to see Sen. Ellender, but that the Senator had declined to see them and they left some statements behind.

4. I left a copy of the Director's statement at Sen. Dworshak's office.

5. The Director has expressed concern regarding the category in which the Director's and Deputy Director's salary will be placed in the proposed executive pay bill. The DCI has been able to ascertain through Sen. Carlson that the allocation of his salary is not commensurate with the position of the Agency in the Government. These salary allocations were evidently transmitted to Chairman Johnston of the Senate Civil Service Committee in a letter from the President. The DCI has been unable to contact Sen. Johnston. He did, however, talk to Congressmen Murray and Rees about the situation, and was informed that they did not know whether there would be an executive pay bill as no one had been able to contact Sen. Johnston on this matter.

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6. [] of OCD contacted me regarding H. R. 4105, a bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act through control of material sent through the mails. The Agency has taken the position that this is an internal security matter on which we are not in a position to comment. The Department of State, however, has requested CIA support for their proposed amendment which they feel will lessen some of the difficulties in bringing certain periodicals and other material into the country for research purposes of an intelligence or scholarly nature. As there will be no action at this session on this legislation, I suggested that OCD discuss the matter with the Department of Commerce committee, of which we are a member, in order to ascertain the impact which this legislation might have on intelligence collection.

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